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Dear Tim,

Thank you very much for taking the time to inspect the Reno and Johnson ditch and place of use.

I was shocked however, that you made no reference in the letter dated September 18 to Scott Johnson's comments about me. In several phone conversations between you and myself, you told me that Johnson stated to you that he was only diverting Reno's water through the Fish hatchery canal so as to divert the water around my property and to therefor purposely injure my ranch and me. Also, we discussed that this was contrary to what Johnson stated in court as to his purpose.

If he is only irrigating the NorthEast portion of the Reno property, then the water is best delivered through the Shoupe ditch and not the Fish Hatchery canal. First, there would be no or little shrink and it is in a direct line. The line taken now that diverts at the Fish Hatchery canal travels more than 1 ½ miles in the canal, then through the BLM, through my field for better part of 1 mile, then across Johnson's field and Reno's for approximately 1 ¾ miles, nearly 3 ¼ miles total. If the water were diverted directly to Reno's through the Shoupe ditch it would only travel ½ to ¾ of a mile.

It has been our agreement all along that Johnson only did this so that they could use this water that does not belong to them. Scott Johnson admitted this to you.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources is a governing body. I cannot see why you will not take a position here where you see that this is not right and where Johnson told you why he was doing this. As I said, he admitted this to you.

I am requesting that you take action and do what is right.

Sincerely,

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